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THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: (a) & (b) The Government propose to start a new Medical College at Tiruchirappalli during the Fourth Plan period. Details have not yet been worked out.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: May I know in which other places the Government intend to start the other two Medical Colleges that are mentioned in the Fourth Five-Year Plan?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: Probably Coimbatore and Salem.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: May I know the budget amount allotted for starting the college at Tiruchi?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: A separate question may be put.

Tuberculosis Sanatoria

* 199 *Q.*—SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the names of places where Tuberculosis Sanatoria are located, in the State; and

(b) the grant given to each Sanatorium ending with April 1965 during Third Five-Year Plan period?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: (a) & (b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: Are the Government aware that all the beds available in all the Sanatoria combined together are very meagre to cope with the number of patients that come in? Will the Government take steps to increase the number of beds in all these Sanatoria?

* THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: The Government are quite aware of the congestion in the Sanatoria. What best could be done is being done.

DR. H. V. HANDE: The waiting list is so long that either the patients die or get cured by private treatment. Mostly the poor patients only seek the Sanatorium. What steps do the Government propose to take to prevent this sort of catastrophe? By the time the card is sent to the patient and he is actually admitted, the condition of the patient becomes very serious. What steps do the Government propose to take to prevent this catastrophe?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: Finding the difficulty in the waiting list, we admitted patients in the General Hospital. Domiciliary treatment has also been started.

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SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: Will the Government consider the proposal to increase the beds in the private Sanatoria and also in the Government Sanatoria because of the heavy demand? Before the patients get admission cards, their addresses are not known because they have already left the place. So, will the Government sympathetically consider the question of increasing the number of beds in all the Sanatoria?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: The Government do realise the need to increase the bed-strength of the Tuberculosis Sanatorium. At the same time, we have found in practice that the domiciliary treatment that is being given to the patient is also equally effective as in the hospital.

3-30 p.m. SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: In some Sanatoria, wards are allotted for Local Boards. In some cases, they do not pay the yearly grants resulting in the beds being kept vacant. Will the Government consider the question of seeing that these beds are not kept vacant, Sir?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: It is for the Local Bodies to decide.

DR. H. V. HANDE: Will the Government consider the feasibility of admitting the serious patients in the Sanatorium rather than giving preference to ordinary patients?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: Sir, very serious patients are admitted under emergency.

திரு ஆர். வெங்கடாசலம் : கொடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ள ஸ்டேட்மெண்டிலிருந்து சேலம் மாவட்டத்திலுள்ள மக்கள் வெகுதூரத்திலிருக்கும் சானிடோரியத்துக்கு செல்லவேண்டியிருப்பதால் தர்மபுரி மாவட்டத்தில் ஒரு சானிடோரியம் வைக்க அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: We will consider the matter.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: In cases where the Local Board's have failed to pay the yearly grants, may I know, Sir, whether the Government will take up those wards and see that they are not kept vacant?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: The Government will examine the suggestion made by the hon. Member.

DR. H. V. HANDE: In the Out-patient Department at the T.B. Centre at Spur Tank Road, Egmore, the patients are asked to come very often. They are not sending the patients immediately to the T.B. Sanatorium at Tambaram. We have also come across cases where the patients have died. Are the Government aware of the cumbersome procedure adopted at the T.B. Centre at Egmore?

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THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: At the T.B. Centre at Spur Tank Road, treatment is given to the patients. The patients are allowed to register their names. According to the registered list they are sent to the Sanatoria. In serious cases, the patients are straightway sent to the Sanatorium and admitted.

Underground drainage scheme for Coimbatore City

* 200 Q.—SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR (on behalf of Dr. T. V. Sivanandam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to implement underground drainage scheme in Coimbatore City;

(b) if so, at what cost; and

(c) the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: (a) to (c): Coimbatore town has been divided into 3 zones for the purpose of designing an underground drainage scheme. Zone I has been sewered already. Sanction has been accorded for the drainage scheme for Zone II at an estimated cost of Rs. 46.56 lakhs and the scheme is under execution.

The Chief Engineer (Public Health Engineering and Municipal Works) has submitted to Government a revised estimate amounting to Rs. 67.72 lakhs for the drainage scheme for Zone II of the Municipality covering all the newly developed areas also. The proposal is under examination.

Proposals for a drainage scheme for Zone III have not been received.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: May I know, Sir, when this entire scheme is expected to be completed?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: It will take quite some years.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT *re* MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have received a message from the Hon. Speaker, Legislative Assembly, transmitting a copy of the Madras Land Revenue and Water-Cess (Surcharge) Bill, 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 30 of 1965) as passed by the Legislative Assembly and signed by him for the recommendation of the Council and certifying that the Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of Article 199 of the Constitution of India.